

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims as written below.

1. (Currently Amended) A floral assembly, comprising:
 - a floral holding material having an upper end, a lower end and an outer peripheral surface and capable of receiving a portion of a floral grouping and supporting the floral grouping without a pot;
 - a floral grouping supported by the floral holding material;
 - a decorative sheet of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer peripheral edge, the decorative sheet of material disposed about at least a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the floral holding material; and
 - the decorative sheet of material having a crimped portion therein, the crimped portion having a plurality of overlapping folds, and at least one of a band, and an adhesive, and a or cohesive bonding material disposed about the decorative sheet of material to hold the crimped portion in a position about the floral holding material to secure the decorative sheet of material about the floral holding material and floral grouping supported by the floral holding material.

2. (Currently Amended) The decorative floral assembly of claim 1 wherein the decorative sheet of material is constructed of a material selected from a group of materials consisting of paper, metal foil, natural cloth, or synthetic cloth, denim, burlap, or polymer film or and combinations thereof.

3. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 1 wherein the decorative sheet of material has a thickness in a range from less than about 0.1 mil to about 30 mils.

4. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 1 wherein the decorative sheet of material is constructed of a non-shape sustaining material.

5. (Currently Amended) The decorative floral assembly of claim 1 wherein the band is selected from the group consisting of elastic bands, rubber bands, string, an elastic piece of material, a non-elastic piece of material, a round piece of material, a flat piece of material, a ribbon, a paper strip, a plastic strip, wire, tie wraps, twist ties, bows, or and combinations thereof.

6. (Original) A decorative floral assembly, comprising:
a floral holding material having an upper end, a lower end and
an outer peripheral surface and capable of receiving a portion

of a floral grouping and supporting the floral grouping without a pot;

a floral grouping supported by the floral holding material;

a decorative sheet of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer peripheral edge, the decorative sheet of material disposed about at least a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the floral holding material; and

a band disposed about the decorative sheet of material in a position causing the decorative sheet of material to have a crimped portion therein, the crimped portion having a plurality of overlapping folds therein and the plurality of overlapping folds held by the band disposed about the decorative sheet of material to secure the decorative sheet of material about the floral holding material and the floral grouping supported by the floral holding material.

7. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 6 wherein the crimped portion is formed in the decorative sheet of material near the upper end of the floral holding material.

8. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 6 wherein the crimped portion is formed in the decorative sheet of material at a position above the upper end of the floral holding material.

9. (Currently Amended) The decorative floral assembly of claim 6 wherein the decorative sheet of material is constructed of a material selected from a group of materials consisting of paper, metal foil, natural or synthetic cloth, denim, burlap or polymer film or and combination thereof.

10. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 6 wherein the decorative sheet of material has a thickness in a range from less than about 0.1 mil to about 30 mils.

11. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 6 wherein the decorative sheet of material is constructed of a non-shape sustaining material.

12. (Currently Amended) The decorative floral assembly of claim 6 wherein the band is selected from the group consisting of elastic bands, rubber bands, string, an elastic piece of material, a non-elastic piece of material, a round piece of material, a flat piece of material, a ribbon, a paper strip, a plastic strip, wire, tie wraps, twist ties, bows, or and combinations thereof.

13. (Currently Amended) A decorative floral assembly, comprising:

a floral holding material having an upper end, a lower end and an outer peripheral surface and capable of receiving a portion of a floral grouping and supporting the floral grouping without a pot;

a floral grouping supported by the floral holding material;

a decorative sheet of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer peripheral edge, the decorative sheet of material disposed about at least a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the floral holding material ~~while leaving at least a portion of the upper end of the floral holding material uncovered~~; and

the decorative sheet of material having a crimped portion therein, with the crimped portion having a plurality of overlapping folds, and at least one of a band, ~~or~~ an adhesive and a ~~or~~ cohesive bonding material disposed about the decorative sheet of material to hold the crimped portion in a position about the floral holding material to secure the decorative sheet of material about the floral holding material and the floral grouping supported by the floral holding material.

14. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 13 wherein the crimped portion is formed in the decorative sheet of material near the upper end of the floral holding material.

15. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 13 wherein the crimped portion is formed in the decorative sheet of material at a position above the upper end of the floral holding material.

16. (Currently Amended) The decorative floral assembly of claim 13 wherein the decorative sheet of material is constructed of a material selected from a group of materials consisting of paper, metal foil, natural cloth, or synthetic cloth, denim, burlap, or polymer film or and combinations thereof.

17. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 13 wherein the decorative sheet of material has a thickness in a range from less than about 0.1 mil to about 30 mils.

18. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 13 wherein the decorative sheet of material is constructed of a non-shape sustaining material.

19. (Currently Amended) The decorative floral assembly of claim 13 wherein the band is selected from the group consisting of elastic bands, rubber bands, string, an elastic piece of material, a non-elastic piece of material, a round piece of material, a flat piece of material, a ribbon, a paper strip, a plastic strip, wire, tie wraps, twist ties, bows, or and combinations thereof.

20-26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) A decorative floral assembly, comprising:
a floral holding material having an upper end, a lower end and an outer peripheral surface, the floral holding material being constructed of a material capable of receiving a portion of a floral grouping and supporting the floral grouping without a pot;
a floral grouping supported by the floral holding material;
a decorative sheet of material having an upper surface, a lower surface and an outer peripheral edge, the decorative sheet of material disposed about at least a portion of the outer peripheral surface of the floral holding material ~~while leaving at least a portion of the upper end of the floral holding material uncovered~~; and

a band disposed about the decorative sheet of material in a position causing the decorative sheet of material to engage the floral holding material for securing the decorative sheet of material in a position extended about the floral holding material to provide a decorative covering.

28. (Currently Amended) The decorative floral assembly of claim 27 wherein the decorative sheet of material is constructed of a material selected from a group of materials consisting of a material selected from a group of materials consisting of paper, metal foil, natural or synthetic cloth, denim, burlap, ~~or~~-polymer film ~~or~~ and combinations thereof.

29. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 27 wherein the decorative sheet of material has a thickness in a range from less than about 0.1 mil to about 30 mil.

30. (Original) The decorative floral assembly of claim 27 wherein the step of providing the decorative sheet of material further comprises providing the decorative sheet of material constructed of a non-shape sustaining material.